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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child would normally have been offered a New Entry Health Review (NEHR) when they started school in reception year. This involves completing the questionnaire (attached with this letter) and your child having a hearing, vision and height and weight screen. **(This is separate to the National Child Measurement Programme NCMP).**

This year due to the ongoing pandemic and difficulties with safely providing screening to children in schools, this has not been possible. However, now that children have returned to school the decision has been made to complete **vision screening only** for all reception children. The reason for this is that this is the one screen that children would not have received to date and vision difficulties can often be hidden while being detrimental to their learning and health in the long term.

Your child will be included in this screening programme. Please ensure that you tear off and return the questionnaire, which will be reviewed by your child's School Nurse. As we will not be completing a hearing screen or height then please indicate if you have any concerns with regards to these or any other health issues and indicate if you would like a School Nurse to contact you.

If you do not want your child's vision to be checked, please let us know **within 2 weeks of receiving this letter by calling 0300 247 0090**. Please tell us your child's name, date of birth, post code and school attended.

If you would like to contact the team please call 0300 247 0090 between 09.00 – 17.00 Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely

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